PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Jean-Pierre ROMBEAUT, et al.

Attorney Docket No. Q68010

Appln. No.: Unknown

Group Art Unit: Unknown

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For:

A ROUTING SYSTEM PROVIDING CONTINUITY OF SERVICE FOR THE

INTERFACES ASSOCIATED WITH NEIGHBORING NETWORKS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

6. (Amended)A router according to claim 5, in which a stable state is a state from the following list: "Down", "Point to Point", "DROther", "Backup", and "DR" in the OSPF protocol.

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REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

6. (Amended) A router according to the preceding claim 5, in which a stable state is a state from the following list: "Down", "Point to Point", "DROther", "Backup", and "DR" in the OSPF protocol.